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An Act to prevent animal sacrifices in or within the precincts of Hindu temples in the State of Mysore.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the prevention of animal sacrifices taking place in or within the precincts of Hindu temples in the State of Mysore..

BE it enacted by the Mysore State Legislature in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Mysore Prevention of Animal Sacrifices Act, 1959.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Mysore.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(*a*) " animal " includes birds ;

(*b*) " precincts " in relation to a temple includes all lands and buildings near the temple, whether belonging to the temple or not, which are ordinarily used for purposes connected with the worship, whether conducted inside or outside, and in particular, of mantapams, prakarams, back-yards and the front-yards, of the temple by whatever name called and also the grounds on which temple car ordinarily stands ;

(*c*) " sacrifice " means the killing or maiming of any animal for the purpose or with an intention of propitiating any deity ;

(*d*) " temple " means a place, by whatever name known, used as a place of public religious worship and dedicated to, or for the benefit, or used as a right, by the Hindu community, or any section thereof, as a place of public religious worship, and includes subsidiary shrines and mantapams attached to such place.

3. *Sacrifice in temple or its precincts prohibited.*—No person shall sacrifice any animal in or within the precincts of any temple or when a deity is being taken in procession in a temple car otherwise, near such car or such deity.

4. *Officiating at sacrifices prohibited.*—No person shall—

(*a*) officiate or offer to officiate at, or

(*b*) perform or offer to perform, or

(*c*) serve, assist or participate, or offer to serve, assist or participate in,

any sacrifice in any temple or its precincts or, near a temple car or deity.

5. *Temple or its precincts not to be allowed to be used for sacrifice.*—No person shall knowingly allow any sacrifice to be performed at any place, which—

(*a*) is situated within any temple or its precincts, and

(*b*) is in his possession or under his control.

6. *Penalties.*—(1) Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 3 shall be punished with imprisonment, which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both.

(2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 4 shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees:

Provided that if the offender is an officer, servant, authority, trustee or priest of the temple, or the holder of an office and in receipt of emoluments or perquisites for the performance of any service in the temple, he shall be punished with imprisonment, which may extend to six months or with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

(3) Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 5 shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine, which may extend to three hundred rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—Any person who attempts to contravene or abets or attempts to abet a contravention of section 3, section 4 or section 5, shall be deemed to have contravened the said section.

7. *General power to arrest without warrant.*—Any Police Officer, not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector, may arrest without warrant any person who contravenes the provisions of this Act.

8. *Power to make rules.*—(1) The State Government may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules by notification in the official Gazette, generally for the purpose of carrying ino effect the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Rules made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after they are made, before each House of the State Legislature, while it is in session for a total period of thirty days, which may be comprised in one session, or in two or more sessions, and if before the expiry of the said period, either House of the State Legislature makes any modifications in the Rules or directs that the Rules shall not have effect and the modifications or directions are agreed to by the other House, the Rules shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be.

9. *Repeal.*—The Mysore Prevention of Animal Sacrifices Act, 1948 (Mysore Act LI of 1948), as in force in the Mysore Area and the Madras Animals and Birds Sacrifices Prohibition Act, 1950 (Madras Act No. XXXII of 1950) as in force in the Madras Area, are hereby repealed :

Provided that section 6 of the Mysore General Clauses Act, 1899 (Mysore Act III of 1899), shall be applicable in respect of the said repeal and section 8 and section 24 of the said Act shall be applicable as if the said Acts were repealed and re-enacted by a Mysore Act.